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March 25, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 10066 AND
COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1, PARAMOUNT ZONE,
ANNUAL ASSESSMENT - FISCAL YEAR 2004-05
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING ACT-1:**

1. Approve and file the enclosed Engineer's Report regarding the proposed annual levying of assessments in the Paramount Zone in County Lighting District Landscape and Lighting Act-1 (LLA-1) for street lighting purposes for Fiscal Year 2004-05.
2. Adopt the enclosed Resolution of Intention to Order the Levying of Assessments in County Lighting District LLA-1, Paramount Zone, for Fiscal Year 2004-05.
3. Set a date for a public hearing regarding the levy of annual assessments for the Paramount Zone in County Lighting District LLA-1 for street lighting purposes, with a base assessment rate of \$17 for a single-family residence for Fiscal Year 2004-05. The base assessment rate of \$17 represents a \$12 increase over the current \$5 base assessment rate.

4. Instruct the Executive Officer of your Board to cause the notice of public hearing by mail at least 45 days prior to scheduled public hearing date of _____. The mailed notice will include assessment ballots.

AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. If needed, authorize changes in any of the matters provided in the Engineer's Report, including changes in the improvements, the diagram which shows the lighting district boundaries, and the proposed assessment as described in the Engineer's Report.
2. Authorize the tabulation of ballots on the issue of an assessment increase in County Lighting District LLA-1, Paramount Zone, and approve an assessment increase in said Paramount Zone should no majority protest exist.
3. Determine to levy assessments in any amount not to exceed the recommended amounts. However, in the event of a majority protest to the proposed assessment increase, continue the existing rate for the Paramount Zone, to prevent the current assessment from lapsing.
4. Adopt the enclosed Resolution Ordering the Levying of Assessments, either as originally proposed or as changed by your Board. The adoption of the enclosed Resolution Ordering the Levying of Assessments shall confirm the diagram and assessment for the Paramount Zone and shall constitute the levy of an assessment for Fiscal Year 2004-05.
5. Find the assessment will meet financial reserve needs and requirements; purchase supplies, equipment, or materials; provide funds for capital improvement projects; and meet operating expenses, including the installation, operation, and maintenance of additional street lights necessary to maintain adequate lighting levels within the Paramount Zone, making it just and equitable and in the public interest that these expenses be paid for by the Paramount Zone Lighting District as a whole for Fiscal Year 2004-05.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This recommended action is for your Board to establish the Fiscal Year 2004-05 street lighting assessment rate in the County Lighting District LLA-1, Paramount Zone, in the City of Paramount for which the County administers street lights. This proposed action deals with the Paramount Zone only, where an assessment rate increase is proposed.

County Lighting District LLA-1 was formed on July 24, 1979, to provide supplemental funding for the continued operation of street lighting systems in the existing County-administered street lighting maintenance districts. County Lighting District LLA-1 has separate zones therein for each city within an existing County-administered street lighting maintenance district. Each subsequent year, your Board has renewed the annual lighting districts assessments. An assessment rate increase is needed for the Paramount Zone in Fiscal Year 2004-05 to provide adequate assessment revenues to keep the Paramount Zone Lighting District solvent and to keep all street lights in the Paramount Zone fully operational. The financial condition of the Paramount Zone Lighting District is such that without the assessment increase, it cannot continue to operate and maintain current street light service levels. On March 16, 2004, my staff presented an informational item to the City of Paramount City Council that outlined the proposal for an assessment increase.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility, as the proposed revenue assessment increase will provide the funding necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of existing and new street lighting facilities within the Paramount Zone Lighting District. It also satisfies the Goal of Service Excellence since maintaining street lighting services provides for the convenience, safety and security of people and property, as well as for the safety of the motoring public, which improves the quality of life in the County and the City of Paramount.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

It is essential your Board renew the annual street lighting assessments, since the existing assessments expire annually and will lapse unless a positive action is taken by your Board to continue funding for the operation of the street lights in the County Lighting District LLA-1, Paramount Zone. The increase in assessment for the Paramount Zone is subject to the results of the ballot tabulation at the conclusion of the public hearing. Financing will be provided from the assessment revenues collected for Fiscal Year 2004-05. If the assessment increase is approved by the property owners,

then in future years the proposed assessment per unit may be automatically adjusted annually by the cost of living based on a factor calculated by using the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County Area for all urban consumers.

The amount of assessment revenue to be raised with the approval of the proposed assessment increase is \$167,400 for a total assessment of \$237,133 to be generated in the Paramount Zone. The remaining revenue to be used by County Lighting Maintenance District 10066 in Fiscal Year 2004-05 will be derived from the portion of one percent property taxes that is allocated to the Lighting District. The estimated cost of operating these lighting districts during Fiscal Year 2004-05 is approximately \$599,300.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The legal provisions of the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, Part 2, Division 15, of the Streets and Highways Code, State of California, govern this process. The assessment process is also subject to certain provisions under Article XIID of the California Constitution as the result of the passage of Proposition 218 by the voters in November 1996.

The Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 provides for the assessment of street lighting costs against the benefited properties within County Lighting District LLA-1 by any formula or method that fairly distributes the costs among all assessable lots or parcels in proportion to the estimated benefits to be received by each from the improvements. A method of distributing the street lighting costs on the basis of land use was approved by your Board on May 22, 1979, and amended on July 22, 1997, to include government-owned or leased parcels. The same distribution method will be used to compute the Fiscal Year 2004-05 assessments for privately owned and government-owned or leased parcels in the Paramount Zone in accordance with the provisions of Article XIID of the California Constitution.

The Streets and Highways Code provides that your Board may approve the Engineer's Report, as filed, or modify the report and approve it as modified.

On March 16, 2004, your Board adopted a Resolution Initiating Proceedings for the levying of annual assessments in County Lighting District LLA-1, pursuant to provisions of the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, Part 2, Division 15, Streets and Highways Code, State of California. In addition, your Board authorized us to prepare and file an Engineer's Report in accordance with Article 4 (commencing with Section 22565 of Chapter 1, Part 2, Division 15) of the Streets and Highways Code. The enclosed Engineer's Report was prepared in response to this directive.

The Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 sets forth procedures, which must be followed for any fiscal year during which an assessment is to be levied. The Landscaping and Lighting Act requires the legislative body to adopt a Resolution of Intention declaring your Board's intent to levy and collect assessments in County Lighting District LLA-1 for Fiscal Year 2004-05 and to approve and file the annual Engineer's Report.

With the passage of Proposition 218 (California Constitution, Articles XIIC and XIID) by the California voters in November 1996, any new assessment or assessment increase is now subject to voter approval. As a result, a ballot and public hearing notice must be mailed to all property owners whose parcels are located within the County Lighting District LLA-1, Paramount Zone, and are subject to the proposed assessment increase, no less than 45 days prior to the date of the public hearing. The mailing of the public hearing notice conforms to the notice, protest, and hearing requirements of Section 53753 of the Government Code, which supersede any statutory provisions applicable to the levy of a new or increased assessment. No posting or publishing of the public hearing notice is required.

The ballots, weighted according to the amount of the assessment paid by each property, will be tabulated at the conclusion of the public hearing. The assessment cannot be increased if the weighted majority of ballots submitted are opposed to the increase. Only those mailed out ballots, which are returned, will be counted to establish whether a majority protest exists under the provisions of Proposition 218. If a majority protest exists under the provisions of Proposition 218, the proposed increase in assessments shall be abandoned. In that event, it is important that your Board continue the current assessment, or it will lapse and no assessment revenue will be collected for Fiscal Year 2004-05.

The Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 and Proposition 218 require a public hearing be held at a regular Board meeting. Your Board may delay its determination regarding the levy of assessments until a later date or continue the public hearing to receive further testimony and make your determination regarding the assessment at the close of the public hearing continuance. However, according to Section 22629 of the Streets and Highways Code, the hearing may not be continued beyond August 10, 2004, without the prior consent of the Auditor-Controller.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under Section 21080(b)(8) of the Public Resources Code and Class 1-(x)27 of the Environmental Guidelines approved by your Board.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

None.

CONCLUSION

Please forward three approved copies of this letter to the Auditor-Controller, Tax Section, and return one approved copy to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES
Director of Public Works

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cc: Auditor-Controller
Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 10066 AND
COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1, PARAMOUNT ZONE,
ENGINEER'S REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2004-05**

**PURSUANT TO PROVISIONS OF THE
LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972
AND
ARTICLE XIII D OF
THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION**

Prepared by

Public Works

for the

County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors

March 25, 2004

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On March 16, 2004, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles adopted a Resolution Initiating Proceedings for the levying of annual assessments in County Lighting District LLA-1 for street lighting purposes pursuant to provisions of the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, Part 2, Division 15, Streets and Highways Code, State of California, in order to provide supplemental funds for the continued operation of existing County-administered lighting districts. Public Works was also ordered to prepare and file an Engineer's Report in accordance with Article 4 (commencing with Section 22565 of Chapter 1, Part 2, Division 15) of the Streets and Highways Code. This report for the County Lighting District LLA-1, Paramount Zone, is prepared in response to the above directive.

With the passing of Proposition 218 (the Right to Vote on Taxes Act) by the California voters in November 1996, the levy of an assessment is now subject to certain provisions under Articles XIIC and XIID of the California Constitution. This report conforms to the applicable Proposition 218 provisions.

The County lighting maintenance districts are established lighting maintenance districts. The street lights within these districts were fully funded from ad valorem property taxes prior to the passing of State Constitutional Amendment XIII-A, which limited the maximum amount of ad valorem tax increase on real property. The ad valorem taxes received under the guidelines established by the State Legislature subsequent to the passing of this amendment were not sufficient to pay the cost of the street lighting in the lighting maintenance districts. County Lighting District LLA-1 was formed on July 24, 1979, to provide supplemental funding for the existing maintenance districts. County Lighting District LLA-1 has a separate zone for each County lighting maintenance district serving the unincorporated County territories and 15 cities. The Paramount Zone of County Lighting District LLA-1 encompasses only the area within the City of Paramount currently within County Lighting Maintenance District 10066.

Lighting district maps showing a diagram of County Lighting District LLA-1, Paramount Zone, indicating the general nature, location, and extent of improvement and the exterior boundaries of the Paramount Zone, are on file with the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles in the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, and are made a part of this report by reference. Maps of subdivisions annexed to County Lighting District LLA-1, Paramount Zone, pursuant to Section 22608.2 of the Streets and Highways Code, subsequent to the formation of

County Lighting District LLA-1, are on file in the office of the County Assessor in the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration. The improvements to be installed by the developers of these subdivisions are shown, together with their locations, on maps on file at Public Works.

The number and size of street lights and the estimated annual operating costs applicable to subdivisions and single-lot developments annexed to the Paramount Zone during the Fiscal Year 2003-04 are shown in Appendix A.

Information regarding additional street lights installed in Fiscal Year 2003-04 within the Paramount Zone in response to specific requests and in compliance with procedures set forth in the Streets and Highways Code is shown in Appendix B.

Annexations of territories and formation of improvement zones by petition of the property owners, together with the number and sizes of street lights, and the amount of the loans made to the Paramount Zone, as approved by the Board of Supervisors during Fiscal Year 2003-04, are shown in Appendix C.

The Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 provides for assessment of street lighting costs upon the benefited properties within County Lighting District LLA-1. The act states, "The net amount to be assessed upon the lands within an assessment Lighting District may be apportioned by any formula or method which fairly distributes the net amount among all assessable lots or parcels in proportion to the estimated benefits to be received by each such lot or parcel from the improvements" (Section 22573 of the Streets and Highways Code). A method of distributing the street lighting costs on the basis of land use and land-use data compiled by the County Assessor, was approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 22, 1979, and amended on July 22, 1997, to include governmental owned or leased parcels, is on file in your Executive Office.

All benefited parcels of real property, including governmental owned or leased, located within the Paramount Zone are identified by the 2003-04 Tax Rate Area Report or by the Assessor Parcel Numbers listed in Appendix D. The benefited parcels are more particularly described in maps prepared in accordance with Section 327 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, which are on file in the office of the County Assessor in the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration and are made a part of this report by reference.

The estimated costs of operating County Lighting District LLA-1, Paramount Zone, during Fiscal Year 2004-05 are shown in Appendix E. The estimated costs include the energy and maintenance costs of street lights, and energy costs of highway safety lights located within the boundaries of the Paramount Zone. An evaluation of these estimated costs has been made, and all such estimated costs appear to be reasonable and appropriate. Appendix E also lists the proposed assessment rate per unit for Fiscal Year 2004-05 based on the estimated operating costs for the Paramount Zone. In future years, the proposed assessment per unit may be automatically adjusted annually by the cost of living based on a factor calculated by using the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County Area for all urban consumers.

Revenue designated for potential street upgrade and capital improvement projects are included in Appendix F. Funds collected pursuant to the Improvement Act of 1911 and Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 may be used for certain street light upgrades and capital improvements.

The proposed assessment increase in the Paramount Zone is subject to voter approval pursuant to Proposition 218 provisions. A ballot and public hearing notice will be mailed to all property owners within County Lighting District LLA-1, Paramount Zone, no less than 45 days prior to the date of hearing scheduled for _____ pursuant to the requirements of Section 53753 of the Government Code.

Ballots will be tabulated and weighted according to the proportional financial obligation of each property at the conclusion of the public hearing. Should the weighted ballots submitted in opposition to the assessment exceed the weighted ballots submitted in favor of the assessment, the assessment increase will not be imposed. If the proposed assessment is not approved, it will be necessary to reduce street lighting services to stay within the operating revenues.

APPENDIX A

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 10066 AND
COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1, PARAMOUNT ZONE,
ENGINEER'S REPORT
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**SINGLE-LOT AND
SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENTS**

The following costs of street lighting improvements within single-lot developments being processed for annexation to County Lighting District LLA-1, Paramount Zone, are proposed to be included in the Fiscal Year 2004-05 levy of assessments. Maps of these subdivisions are on file at Public Works.

Single-Lot	Area	No. & Size of Lights (in lumens)	Estimated Annual Cost
TOTAL COST FOR PARAMOUNT ZONE =			\$0

No subdivision annexations were processed in the Paramount Zone during Fiscal Year 2003-04.

The following costs of street lighting improvements within subdivisions developed in areas within the boundaries of the original formation of County Lighting District LLA-1, Paramount Zone, during Fiscal Year 2003-04 are proposed to be included in the Fiscal Year 2004-05 levy of assessments.

No subdivision developments within the Paramount Zone were processed during Fiscal Year 2003-04.

APPENDIX B

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COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1, PARAMOUNT ZONE,
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**REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHTS
OR MODIFICATIONS OF EXISTING FACILITIES**

Estimated cost of street lights or other capital improvements installed within the Paramount Zone in response to the specific requests and in compliance with procedures set forth in the Streets and Highways Code are as follows:

Lighting District	Petition or Project Number	Street Light or Other Capital Improvements	Street Light or Other Capital Improvement Expenditures	Estimated Annual Utility Cost
CLMD 10066	163-1103	5 Vandal shields	\$4,500	
TOTAL COST IN THE PARAMOUNT ZONE =				\$4,500

APPENDIX C

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
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COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1, PARAMOUNT ZONE,
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**ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY AND
FORMATION OF IMPROVEMENT ZONES**

The following costs of street lighting improvements for territories annexed by petition to County Lighting District LLA-1, Paramount Zone, are proposed to be included in the Fiscal Year 2004-05 levy of assessments. Maps of these zones are on file at Public Works.

Lighting District	Area	No. & Size of Lights (in lumens)	Capital Improvement Expenditures	Estimated Annual Utility Cost
TOTAL COST FOR PARAMOUNT ZONE =				\$0

No petition-related projects were annexed to the Paramount Zone in Fiscal Year 2003-04.

The following loan(s) approved by the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors as a result of a formation of an improvement zone within the Paramount Zone of County Lighting District LLA-1 is proposed to be included in the Fiscal Year 2004-05 levy of assessments. This loan will pay initial installation costs to Southern California Edison Company.

No improvement zone was formed in the Paramount Zone in Fiscal Year 2003-04.

APPENDIX D

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
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COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICTS LLA-1, PARAMOUNT ZONE,
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**TAX RATE AREAS AND
ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBERS**

TAX RATE AREAS

ACCOUNT NO. 002366 - COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 10066

02883 02891 02892 02893 02972 03005 03006 03010 03012 03015 03016
03017 03018 06637 06638 07256 07257 07272 07273 07275 07290 07294
07316 07339 07343 07344 07346 07347 07348 07349 07351 07354 07356
07357 07358 07359 07362 07367 07370 07371 07372 07373 07379 11103
11104 11106 11296

APPENDIX D**ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBERS**

PARAMOUNT ZONE – GOVERNMENT AND SCHOOL DISTRICT PARCELS		
6241028900	6241024903	6237033911
6268009901	6264007902	6268008901
6268009904	6268015900	6268013913
6268012900	6270012012	6270016900
6268013908	6237033055	7103011966
6268013910	6268009902	6268008900
6268013911	6268009903	6240025900
6268013912	7102013903	6239010012
6268014905	7103007901	6241015019
6268027901	7103007903	6241031006
6268028901	7103007904	6264012015
6237005901	7103007910	6264012027
6240013902	6268014914	6268035013
6268013904	6268014917	6268037029
7101002900	6268014918	7102005030
6268009905	6268014919	6241010005
6240024900	6268010910	6237017005

APPENDIX E

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
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COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1, PARAMOUNT ZONE,
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BUDGET ESTIMATE

<u>LLA-1 Zone</u>	<u>District Expenses</u>	<u>To be Raised by LLA-1 Assessment</u>	<u>Number of Used Units</u>	<u>Assessment Per Unit</u>
Paramount (1and2)	\$599,300	\$69,745	13,949	\$5 (Existing level)
	\$599,300	\$237,133	13,949	\$17 (With proposed assessment increase)

- (1) The \$17 assessment per unit is subject to voter approval of a \$12 assessment increase. Ballots are to be tabulated at the conclusion of the public hearing scheduled for May 25, 2004. If the \$12 assessment increase is not approved, then the existing \$5 assessment rate will continue for Fiscal Year 2004-05.
- (2) In future years, the proposed assessment rate may be adjusted annually by the cost of living based on a factor calculated by using the Consumer Price Index for the Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County Area for all urban consumers.

The cost of operation, maintenance, and capital improvement expenditures shown in Appendixes A, B, and C for the street lighting improvements during Fiscal Year 2003-04 are included in the Fiscal Year 2004-05 levy of assessments as follows:

<u>Area or Zone</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
Paramount	\$ 4,500

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**REVENUE DESIGNATIONS FOR
STREET LIGHT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT EXPENDITURES**

Lighting District

Capital Improvement

CLMD 10066 (Paramount)

\$38,000 (¹and²)

(¹) 10 percent or less of fund balance for Fiscal Year 2004-05.

(²) Subject to voter approval of proposed assessment increase.

Note: *Capital Improvement funds are designated (pursuant to the Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972 and pursuant to the Improvement Act of 1911) for repair, removal, or replacement of all or any part of a public lighting facility or any appurtenant or accessory structure, including construction of additional street lights in previously unlit areas.*

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO ORDER
THE LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS IN
COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1, PARAMOUNT ZONE,
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-05
PURSUANT TO PROVISIONS OF
LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972 AND
ARTICLE XIIID OF
THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION
TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FOR OPERATION OF
EXISTING STREET LIGHTS**

WHEREAS, on July 24, 1979, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles approved the formation of County Lighting District LLA-1 to provide supplemental funds for the operation of street lights in County-administered Lighting Districts, including areas within the Paramount Zone which serves the City of Paramount; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2004, the Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution Initiating Proceedings for the levying of annual assessments for street lighting purposes in County Lighting District LLA-1 for Fiscal Year 2004-05, as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has approved and filed the Engineer's Report for County Lighting District LLA-1, Paramount Zone, which show estimated operating costs and recommended assessments as required by law. A separate Engineer's Report will be submitted for all other zones within County Lighting District LLA-1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California:

SECTION 1. It is the intention of the Board of Supervisors, based upon the public interest and convenience, to order the expense necessary for the operation, maintenance, repairs, replacement, electric current, care, supervision, and all other items necessary for proper operation and maintenance of County Lighting District LLA-1, Paramount Zone, to be assessed upon each lot or parcel of land lying within the Paramount Zone in proportion to the estimated benefits received from the existing street lighting improvements, and which should be assessed to pay the expense of the operation and maintenance of said improvements. The Engineer's Report, on file with the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors, describes the boundaries of the Paramount Zone, including improvements and locations, and proposed assessments on each lot or parcel of land included therein.

SECTION 2. The proposed assessment increase in the Paramount Zone is required for the continued operation and maintenance of the street lights for public safety and as a crime deterrent. The proposed assessment in the Paramount Zone for a single-family residence is \$17, which represents a \$12 increase over the current \$5 assessment. In future years, the assessment rate cannot be increased more than the rate of inflation without additional property owner approval. The rate of inflation is measured by the change of the Consumer Price Index for the Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County area for all urban consumers, as developed by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The same proportional increase is proposed for all other benefiting property uses in the Paramount Zone.

Property owners are referred to their last property tax bill for their individual existing annual street lighting assessment amount. The existing and proposed assessment amounts for each type of property use will also be shown on a ballot to be mailed to each affected property owner. The street lighting assessment increase in the Paramount Zone is necessary because the Paramount Zone cannot continue to operate and maintain the street lights without this proposed increase. The estimated annual amount of street lighting revenue to be raised by the proposed assessment increase in the Paramount Zone is approximately \$167,400. The proposed assessment increase is subject to approval by the property owners. A ballot and public hearing notice will be sent to all property owners in County Lighting District LLA-1, Paramount Zone, at least 45 days in advance of the public hearing scheduled for _____. The ballots will be weighted by the amount of assessment to be paid by each property owner. The assessment will not be increased if the weighted majority of ballots submitted are opposed to the increase. If the proposed higher assessment rate for the Paramount Zone is not approved, the current Fiscal Year 2003-04 assessment rate will continue for Fiscal Year 2004-05 unless the Board of Supervisors acts to adopt a different rate.

SECTION 3. The amounts to be assessed for the expense of such operation and maintenance of the work or improvements shall be levied and collected in the same manner and by the same officers as taxes for County purposes and levied and collected, and shall be distributed and expended for operation, maintenance, and service of the lighting districts, all as described in the Engineer's Report and Section 1 of this Resolution.

SECTION 4. The proceedings for the levying of assessments shall be taken under and in accordance with an act of the Legislature of the State of California, known and designated as the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 (Division 15, Part 2, of the Streets and Highways Code) and Article XIID of the California Constitution.

SECTION 5. On _____, at the hour of ____ o'clock a.m. of said day, is the day and hour, at the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, Room 381B, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street (corner of Temple Street at Grand Avenue), Los Angeles, California 90012, the place fixed by the said Board of Supervisors when and where any and all interested persons may hear and be heard regarding proposed street lighting assessments in the Paramount Zone of County Lighting District LLA-1.

The foregoing Resolution was on the _____ day of _____, 2004, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio of the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LLOYD W. PELLMAN
County Counsel

By _____
Deputy

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION ORDERING THE LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS
IN COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1, PARAMOUNT ZONE,
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-05**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors on _____ adopted a Resolution of Intention to Order the Levying of Assessments in County Lighting District LLA-1, Paramount Zone, to provide supplemental funds for the operation of street lights in the Paramount Zone pursuant to provisions of the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 and Article XIID of the California Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Public Works has prepared and filed an Engineer's Report with the Board of Supervisors as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the Board caused notice of the time and place for a public hearing on the levy of the proposed assessments in the manner required by law; and

WHEREAS, Public Works mailed ballots and notices to property owners of identified parcels within County Lighting District LLA-1, Paramount Zone, pursuant to California Constitution Article XIID to determine support or opposition on the matter of an assessment increase; and

WHEREAS, the Board has heard all testimony and evidence and has tabulated all returned ballots for the proposed assessment rate increase in the County Lighting District LLA-1, Paramount Zone, and has found ____ majority protest exists.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles:

SECTION 1. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby finds the public safety and convenience require the continued operation and maintenance of the street lighting improvements in County Lighting Maintenance District 10066 and County Lighting District LLA-1, Paramount Zone.

SECTION 2. It is just and equitable, and in the public interest, that the expenses for the installation and maintenance of additional lights within the County Lighting Maintenance District 10066 and County Lighting District LLA-1, Paramount Zone, be paid for by said lighting districts as a whole for Fiscal Year 2004-05.

SECTION 3. The lighting districts diagrams and assessments as set forth in said report, or as modified, are hereby approved, confirmed, and adopted by this Board.

SECTION 4. The adoption of this Resolution constitutes the continuance of the previous Fiscal Year 2003-04 levy of assessments for County Lighting District LLA-1, Paramount Zone, and a _____ dollar assessment rate per unit increase for a single-family residence with proportionate increases for other land uses for the Paramount Zone for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005.

SECTION 5. The amount to be assessed for the expenses of the operation, maintenance, and service, as described in said Engineer's Report and resolution, shall be levied and collected in the same manner and by the same officers as taxes for County purposes are levied and collected, and shall be disbursed and expended for operation, maintenance, and service of the said lighting districts, all as described in the Engineer's Report and in Section 1 of the Resolution of Intention.

SECTION 6. The Clerk of the Board is hereby ordered and directed to file a certified copy of the lighting district diagrams and assessments together with a certified copy of this Resolution upon its adoption with the County Auditor-Controller.

The foregoing Resolution was on the _____ day of _____, 2004, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio of the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LLOYD W. PELLMAN
County Counsel

By: _____
Deputy